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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO TOLBERT

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I WANT TO TAKE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR STRONG AND MOST HELPFUL SUPPORT FOR MY MISSION IN AFRICA. COMING AT THE OUTSET OF MY VISIT, YOUR STATEMENT COUPLED WITH THE SUPPORT WHICH YOUR MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MR. DENNIS GAVE DURING HIS VISITS TO PRINCIPAL CAPITALS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA HAVE CONTRIBUTED IMPORTANTLY TO THE PROGRESS OF MY EFFORTS. YOUR ADVICE AND COUNSEL HAVE BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN DESIGNING THE PRESENT AMERICAN INITIATIVE.

3. QTE I MET YESTERDAY WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE AND TODAY BEGAN MY CONSULTATIONS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA. I CONTINUE MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE LATTER ON SEPTEMBER 17 AND LEAVE IN THE AFTERNOON FOR PRETORIA.

4. QTE CONCERNING NAMIBIA, I BELIEVE THAT A PROCESS TOWARDS THAT COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE COULD BE BEGUN ONCE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE INCLUDING SWAPO MEET TO WORK OUT A CONSTITUTION FOR THE NEW STATE AND THE

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STEPS LEADING UP TO ITS INDEPENDENCE. NOW THAT A DATE FOR NAMIBIAN

INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN SUGGESTED, A CONFERENCE, IN MY JUDGMENT, IS ESSENTIAL.

5. QTE I HAVE MADE CLEAR TO PRIME MINISTER VORSTER THE INTEREST WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS IN RAPID PROGRESS TO MAJORITY RULE. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW HE WILL TRANSLATE OUR INTEREST INTO EFFECTIVE PRESSURE. YOU PROBABLY KNOW WHAT IAN SMITH VISITED PRETORIA THIS WEEK AND MAY RETURN THIS WEEKEND.

6. QTE KNOWING YOUR INTEREST IN A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, I AM SURE YOU AGREE THAT WE MUST BE REALISTIC AND PREPARED TO ACCEPT WHAT CAN BE REASONABLY OBTAINED ON THE CONDITION THAT WE REACH THE GOALS WE SEEK IN AN ACCEPTABLE AND FINITE PERIOD OF TIME. AS I CONTINUE MY DISCUSSIONS IN PRETORIA AND ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA, I WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON THE SITUATION AND THE CONDITIONS FOR A SETTLEMENT. THE ISSUES AT STAKE ARE ESSENTIAL TO AFRICA'S FUTURE AND MY COUNTRY'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR CONTINENT. GIVEN THE URGENCY OF THIS TASK AND THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, I REGRETFULLY WILL NOT BE IN WASHINGTON WHEN YOU VISIT. I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND LOOK FORWARD TO AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOU AGAIN.

7. QTE WITH MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR FORTHCOMING STAY IN THE UNITED STATES AND WITH WARM REGARDS, SINCERELY,
HENRY A. KISSINGER UNQTE.
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